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Some fellows get credit for being conservative when they are only stupid.

— Kim Hubbard

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Band Draws Top Honors

Dickinson's marching band was successful in its bid to capture the National Marching Band Championship for the third consecutive year Saturday in Philadelphia. The band also placed seventh in a field of eighteen bands during field show competition held that night at Veteran's Stadium.

The band has held the national title every year since the competition's origination in 1972. After playing at the Glasgow football game in the morning, buses rushed band members to the Center-City Philadelphia parade. A group of nationally accredited judges selected Dickinson as the best of twenty competing bands.

Following the parade, the band was taken to Veteran's Stadium, where they performed their halftime show. The band from neigh-

boring Thomas McKean High School was one place behind Dickinson in eighth, while Newark failed to make the top ten.

In the three years they have attended the field show competition, the band has always placed in the top ten. No other band has won the parade title since Dickinson began competing in the annual event.

Sunday, the band participated in a field show competition hosted by McKean. Seven bands from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware competed in the event. Dickinson took first place honors, beating runner-up Pennsville by four points.

The band has one more competition remaining in its fall season. They plan to attend the annual Festival of States, held in St. Petersburg, Florida, this spring.



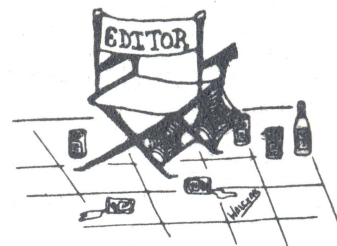
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Editorial

Lunch Program Feels Pinch



As the new school year began and students returned to the cafeteria for lunch, many were surprised to find a twenty five percent increase in the cost of a class A platter. Confronted with the fact that inflation had affected the school lunch program, many complained about the increase in prices and the decrease in quality of the food. Yet the cafeteria staff has been able to allow the quantity and quality of food to remain the same as last year.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir:

Having been in attendance at the first pep rally of the year, I would like to say that I think it was the biggest waste of the students

The school lunch program in the Stanton School District is completely self supporting. The federal government provides a ten cent cash subsidy and a ten cent commodity subsidy per class A platter, while the state government provides a seven cent subsidy.

Still, the rising costs of labor, commodities and utilities have forced food prices to rise again. The price increase of the class A lunch from forty to fifty cents is a result of the decline in student usage of the lunch program. The price was raised ten cents since student participation during the 73-74 school year declined by ten percent.

Lunch prices in Stanton may be higher than those in neighboring districts since the school board will not subsidize the program with local tax money. If district funds were made available to the program, future cost increases could be offset. However, no local subsidy is planned, so prices may rise again.

The staff of the lunch program is struggling to keep prices as low as possible, for they realize students will not buy food if it is priced too high. They also make an effort to provide popular and nutritional food. The federal government sets standards for the amount of nutrition a lunch must

contain, and each class A platter must fulfill these requirements:

Although a twenty five percent raise in price may seem like a rather large increase, when compared with the rapid inflation of the economy it is understandable. The quality of the lunches may not always suit our tastes, but they are a necessary part of school.

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